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"One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple"
(PSALMS 27: 4).

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THE DEDICATORY PRAYER.

O God, the Eternal Father, we thy servants and handmaidens, thank thee, in the name of Jesus Christ, thy well beloved Son, with all the power of our being, that we are privileged this day to be present in this beautiful land, to dedicate unto thy Most Holy Name, a temple of the Living God.

We thank thee, O God the Eternal Father, that thou and thy Son Jesus Christ, didst visit the boy, Joseph Smith, Jr., and that he was instructed by thee, and by thy beloved Son.

We thank thee that thou didst send thy servant, John the Baptist, and that he did lay his hands upon Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery and ordain them to the Aaronic, or Lesser Priesthood.

We thank thee, for sending thy servants, Peter, James and John, apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ, who ministered with the Savior in the flesh and after His crucifixion, and that they did ordain thy servants Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ and bestow upon them the Holy Melchisedek Priesthood, by which authority and Apostleship, we do dedicate unto thee, this day, this holy edifice.

We thank thee for the integrity and the devotion of thy servants, the Prophet and Patriarch, Joseph Smith and Hyrum Smith. We thank thee that they labored all the days of their lives, from the time of the restoration of the gospel of Jesus Christ until the day of their martyrdom, and that they sealed their testimony with their blood.

We thank thee for thy servants Brigham Young, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, Lorenzo Snow and Joseph F. Smith, who have

severally stood at the head of thy Church, since the martyrdom of thy servant Joseph Smith, and who have led and directed thy people by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, and who have sent forth representatives to proclaim the everlasting gospel in nearly every land and clime.

We thank thee for all the faithful members of the First Presidency of the Church, and of the Apostles, in this last dispensation; and for each and all of the faithful men who have held office as general authorities of the Church.

O God, our Eternal Father, we pray thee to bless the Presidency of thy Church—Thy servants Heber J. Grant, Anthon H. Lund and Charles W. Penrose. May these men, O Father, be guided by the unerring counsels of thy Holy Spirit day by day. May they be even as a three-fold cord that cannot be broken. May they see eye to eye in all matters for the upbuilding of the Church of Jesus Christ upon the earth.

Bless, O Father, each and all of the Apostles, the Presiding Patriarch, the First Council of the Seventy, the Presiding Bishopric.

Bless, we beseech thee, those that preside in all the stakes of Zion, and in the branches of the Church.

Bless those that preside over the Missions of the Church throughout the world, together with all thy servants and handmaidens who have gone forth to proclaim to the peoples of the world the restoration again to the earth of the plan of life and salvation.

Bless those, O Father, who preside in the temples that have been erected to thy Holy name in the land of Zion. Bless, also, those who preside and who labor in the Church schools, which have been established from Canada on the north to Mexico in the south.

O God, accept of the gratitude and thanksgiving of our hearts, for the very wonderful and splendid labors performed in the land of Hawaii by thy servants Presidents George Q. Cannon and Joseph F. Smith. We thank thee for their devotion to the gospel, and to the people of this land. We thank thee for raising up thy servant Elder J. H. Napela, that devoted Hawaiian, who assisted thy servant President Cannon in the translation of the Book of Mormon, which is the sacred history of the Nephites, the Lamanites and the Jaredites. We thank thee that the plates containing the Book of Mormon were preserved so that they could be translated, and that thy words to the Prophet Joseph Smith might be fulfilled, namely: "That the Lamanites might come to the knowledge of their fathers, and that they might know the promises of the Lord, and that they might believe the gospel and rely upon the merits of Jesus Christ, and be glorified through faith in His name, and that through their repentance they might be saved."

We thank thee that thousands and tens of thousands of the

descendants of Lehi, in this favored land, have come to a knowledge of the gospel, many of whom have endured faithfully to the end of their lives. We thank thee, our Father and our God, that those who are living and who have embraced the gospel are now to have the privilege of entering into this holy house, and laboring for the salvation of the souls of their ancestors.

We thank thee that on this occasion the widow of thy loved servant George Q. Cannon, even thine handmaiden Sister Sarah Jenne Cannon is present with us to-day, and is permitted to participate in these dedicatory services.

We thank thee, O Father in Heaven for our families, our friends, our relatives, and for all the many blessings which thou hast bestowed upon us.

We thank thee for all of the temples that have been erected in this dispensation, and we pray thy choice blessings to be and abide with all those who minister therein. We pray that that same sweet spirit which is present in all of the temples, may abide with those who shall labor in this holy house.

We thank thee, O Father, this day that the promise made in a dream to thy servant William W. Cluff, by thy Prophet Brigham Young, that the day would come when a temple should be erected in this land, is fulfilled before our eyes.

We thank thee, O God, that thy faithful and diligent servant, President Joseph F. Smith, was moved upon, while in this land, on the birthday of thy servant President Brigham Young, in the year 1915, to dedicate this spot of ground for the erection of a temple to the most high God.

We thank thee for the long and faithful and diligent labors of thy servant President Samuel E. Woolley, who has so faithfully presided over this mission for these many years. We thank thee for his labors in the erection of this temple, and beseech thee, O Father, that thou wilt bless him and all of his associate workers.

We pray thee, O Father, to bless the son of thy beloved servant President Joseph F. Smith, E. Wesley Smith, who now presides over the Hawaiian mission. May the missionary spirit be and abide with him. May he have that same splendid love for the people of this land which his dear departed father possessed.

We thank thee, O God, our Eternal Father, for this beautiful temple and the grounds upon which it stands, and we dedicate the grounds and the building, with all its furnishings and fittings, and everything pertaining thereunto, from the foundation to the roof thereof, to thee, our Father and our God. And we humbly pray thee, O God the Eternal Father, to accept of it and to sanctify it, and to consecrate it through thy spirit for the holy purposes for which it has been erected.

We beseech thee that no unclean thing shall be permitted to enter here, and that thy Spirit may ever dwell in this holy house, and rest mightily upon all who shall labor as officers and workers

in this house, as well as all who shall come here to perform ordinances for the living or for the dead.

May thy peace ever abide in this holy building, that all who come here may partake of the spirit of peace, and of the sweet and heavenly influence that thy saints have experienced in other temples, and that has also been experienced in visiting the monument and cottage erected at the birthplace of thy servant Joseph Smith, the great latter-day prophet.

May all who come upon the grounds which surround this temple, in the years to come, whether members of the Church of Christ or not, feel the sweet and peaceful influence of this blessed and hallowed spot.

And now that this temple is completed and ordinance work will soon be commenced, we beseech thee, O Father, that thou wilt open the way before the members of the Church in these lands, as well as of the natives of New Zealand, and of all the Pacific islands, to secure the genealogies of their forefathers, so that they may come into this holy house and become saviors unto their ancestors.

We thank thee, O God our Eternal Father, that the land of Palestine, the land where our Savior and Redeemer ministered in the flesh, where he gave to the world the plan of life and salvation, is now redeemed from the thralldom of the unbeliever, and is in the hands of the great, enlightened, and liberty-loving empire of Great Britain. We acknowledge thy hand, O God, in the wonderful events which have led up to the partial redemption of the land of Judah, and we beseech thee, O Father, that the Jews may, at no distant date, be gathered home to the land of their forefathers.

We thank thee that thy servants, the Prophets Joseph Smith and Brigham Young, were moved upon to send holy apostles to Jerusalem to dedicate that land for the return of the Jews.

We acknowledge thy hand, O God our Heavenly Father, in that one of the benefits of the great and terrible world war, through which the nations of the earth have recently passed, will be the opportunity for the Jews to return to the land of their fathers.

We thank thee, our Father in Heaven, for the victory which came to the armies of the Allies, and we beseech thee that that victory may lead to increased liberty and peace throughout all the nations of the earth.

We pray for thy blessings to be upon the kings, and upon the nobles, and upon the rulers in all nations, that they may have it in their hearts to administer justice and righteousness, and to give liberty and freedom to the peoples over whom they rule.

We thank Thee that Thou didst inspire the noble men who wrote the Constitution of our beloved country, and we beseech thee that the principles of that inspired document may ever be maintained; that the people may overcome selfishness and strife, and contention, and all bitterness, and that they may grow and

increase in the love of country, in loyalty and patriotism, and in a determination to do that which is right and just.

We thank thee for this land of liberty in which we dwell, which Thou hast said is choice above all other lands. We do thank thee, O God our Father, for the noble men who have presided over our country from the days of George Washington until the present time.

We pray thee to bless Woodrow Wilson, the President of the United States. Touch him with the healing power of thy Holy Spirit, and make him whole. We pray that his life may be precious in thy sight, and may the inspiration that comes from thee ever abide with him.

We pray for the vice-president of the United States, for the members of the president's cabinet, for the senators and congressmen, and for all the officers of this great and glorious government in every state and territory, and in every land where the United States bears rule. We also remember before thee, all those who have been selected to administer the law in this favored land of Hawaii.

We beseech thee, O God in heaven, that the people of the United States of America may ever seek to Thee for guidance and direction, that thy declaration and promise that this is a land choice above all other lands, and shall be protected against all foes, provided the people serve thee, may be realized and fulfilled, and that the people may grow in power, and strength, and dominion, and above all, in a love of thy truth.

We thank thee, O God, that thy Son, our Redeemer, after being crucified and laying down his life for the sins of the world, did open the prison doors and proclaim the gospel of repentance unto those who had been disobedient in the days of Noah, and that he subsequently came to the land of America, where he established his Church and chose disciples to guide the same.

We thank thee, for restoring again to the earth the ordinances of the gospel of thy Son Jesus Christ, whereby men and women can be, in very deed, saviors upon Mount Zion, and where they can enter into thy holy temples and perform the ordinances necessary for the salvation of those who have died without a knowledge of the gospel.

We thank thee, O Father, above all things upon the face of the earth, for the gospel of thy Son Jesus Christ and for the priesthood of the living God, and that we have been made partakers of the same, and have an abiding knowledge of the divinity of the work in which we are engaged.

We thank thee for the words of thy Son Jesus Christ to the Prophet Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon: "This is the gospel, the glad tidings which the voice out of the heavens bore record unto us, that he came into the world, even Jesus, to be crucified for the world, and to bear the sins of the world, and to sanctify

the world, and to cleanse it from all unrighteousness; that through him all might be saved whom the Father had put into his power and made by him, who glorifies the Father and saves all the works of his hands."

We thank thee, O Father, that thou didst send thy Son Jesus Christ, to visit thy servants Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery in the Kirtland temple, the first temple ever erected by thy people in this last dispensation. We thank thee for the words of our Redeemer: "I am the first and the last, I am he who liveth, I am he who was slain, I am your advocate with the Father. Behold, your sins are forgiven you, you are clean before me, therefore lift up your heads and rejoice, let the hearts of your brethren rejoice, and let the hearts of all my people rejoice, who have, with their might, built this house to my name, for behold, I have accepted this house, and my name shall be here, and I will manifest myself to my people in mercy in this house." We thank thee, O God, that thou hast accepted, by the testimony of thy Holy Spirit, all of the temples that have been erected from the days of Kirtland until this present one.

We also thank thee for sending thy servants, Moses and Elias and Elijah, to the Kirtland temple, and delivering to thy servants, Joseph and Oliver, the keys of every dispensation of the gospel of Jesus Christ from the days of Father Adam down to the present dispensation, which is the dispensation of the fulness of times.

We thank thee, that Elijah has appeared, and that the prophecy of thy servant Malachi, that the hearts of the fathers should be turned to the children, and the hearts of the children to the fathers, lest the earth be smitten with a curse, has been fulfilled in our day, and that our hearts in very deed go out to our fathers; and we rejoice, beyond our ability to express, that we can, through the ordinances of the gospel of Jesus Christ, become saviors to our ancestors.

We thank thee, O God, with all our hearts and souls for the testimony of thy servants Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon: "And now, after the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony last of all, which we give of him, that he lives; for we saw him, even on the right hand of God, and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten of the Father—that by him and through him, and of him the worlds are and were created, and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God."

We thank thee, O Father, for the knowledge that we possess in our very souls, that thou dost live, and that thy Son Jesus is our Redeemer, and our Savior, and that thy servant Joseph Smith, Jr., was and is, a prophet of the true and living God. And, O Father, may we ever be true and faithful to the gospel of thy Son Jesus Christ, revealed through thy servant Joseph.

We beseech thee, O Lord, that thou wilt stay the hand of the

destroyer among the natives of this land, and give unto them increasing virility and more abundant health, that they may not perish as a people, but that from this time forth they may increase in numbers and in strength and influence, that all the great and glorious promises made concerning the descendants of Lehi, may be fulfilled in them; that they may grow in vigor of body and of mind, and above all in a love for thee and thy Son, and increase in diligence and in faithfulness in keeping the commandments which have come to them through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We pray thee, O Father, to bless this land that it may be fruitful, that it may yield abundantly, and that all who dwell thereon may be prospered in righteousness.

Bless all thy people who have named thy name in all parts of the world. Especially bless thy people in the valleys of the mountains, whereunto they were led by divine guidance, and where the greatest of all Temples in this dispensation has been erected, and where thou hast blessed and prospered thy people even beyond anything that could have been expected.

Bless, O Father in heaven, all those that hold responsible positions in all the various auxiliary organizations of thy Church, whether as general, stake, ward, or mission authorities; in the Relief societies, in the Mutual Improvement associations, in the Sunday schools, in the Primary associations, and in the Religion Class organizations. Bless each and everyone of thy servants and handmaidens who hold places of responsibility in these various organizations throughout the entire world. Bless, also, each and everyone who is laboring for the benefit of the members, as well as the members themselves, in these associations.

We especially pray thee, O Father in heaven, to bless the youth of thy people of Zion and in all the world. Shield and preserve and protect them from the adversary and from wicked and designing men. Keep the youth of thy people, O Father, in the straight and narrow path that leads to thee; preserve them from all the pitfalls and snares that are laid for their feet. O Father, may our children grow up in the nurture and admonition of the gospel of thy Son Jesus Christ. Give unto them a testimony of the divinity of this work as thou hast given it unto us, and preserve them in purity and in truth.

O God, our Heavenly and Eternal Father, sanctify the words which we have spoken, and accept of the dedication of this house, we beseech thee, in the name of thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. We have dedicated this house unto thee by virtue of the priesthood of the Living God which we hold, and we most earnestly pray that this sacred building may be a place in which thou shalt delight to pour out thy Holy Spirit in great abundance, and in which thy Son may see fit to manifest himself and to instruct thy servants. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, Amen and Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1920.

EDITORIAL:

THE DEDICATION OF TEMPLES.

THE building of temples, their dedication and use in the service of the Lord, is a lost art among Christians of the world. Cathedrals, churches, masonic and other secret order temples, and Jewish synagogues, continue to be built; but until it was revealed to Joseph Smith, in 1830, the plan and purpose of a temple was not understood, neither had been, so far as history bears record, since the destruction of the third temple of Solomon, or Herod's, in Jerusalem by the Roman general Titus, A.D. 70.

This was the temple desecrated by the money-changers, whom the Lord drove out. It was begun about sixteen years before his birth, and was forty-six years building. It was a magnificent restoration and improvement of the temple of Zerubbabel, which had gone to sad decay in the five centuries of its existence. There is no account of the completion and dedication of this temple. The Scriptures mention the rending of the veil at the time of the crucifixion, and predict its utter destruction, leaving "not one stone above another."

The temple known as that of Zerubbabel was built on the site of Solomon's temple by the Jews (under the patronage of the Persian Emperors Cyrus and Darius), upon Israel's return from Babylon after their seventy years' captivity. They were led back by Zerubbabel and Jeshua, and a later company by the Prophet Ezra, whose account of it is very complete. It was an inferior reproduction of Solomon's temple, and was begun 535 B.C., and dedicated in the reign of Darius, 516 B. C.

Of the great temple of Solomon, minute descriptions are given in the Books of Kings and Chronicles. Its completion and dedication were celebrated in the seventh month of the year 1005 B.C.

The dedicatory prayer was delivered by the King, who "stood before the altar of the Lord, in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven." The sublimity of this prayer, and dignity of its utterance, was in perfect accord with the magnificence of the sacred building and its rich furnishings. It is a classic in composition, and has supplied an enduring example for all dedicatory services of temples ever since.

The temple at Kirtland, Ohio, the first known to have been authorized by the Lord since the destruction of the above, was dedicated with imposing ceremonies on Sunday, March 27th, 1836.

There were present thousands of people, and four hundred and sixteen elders of the Church, including the prophet and apostles, the three witnesses to the Book of Mormon, and other officials. Two services were held, beginning at 9 o'clock in the morning, with only twenty minutes intermission between them.

The dedicatory prayer was offered by Joseph Smith, and comprises the revelation in the 109th Section of the Doctrine and Covenants—one of the most remarkable prayers ever spoken by man, and recorded as a blessing and testimony—a sublime example for such an occasion, equal, if not surpassing, that uttered by King Solomon.

In the building of the Nauvoo temple, begun April 6th, 1841, the persecutions of the saints, culminating in the martyrdom of the Prophet and Patriarch, and in the exodus of the people from the State of Illinois, prevented the final public dedication of the building in the customary manner, and with the appropriate ceremonies. In fact, the dedication was progressive, in that, as parts of the building were finished and prepared for use, they were dedicated and set apart for such particular service. The setting of the capstone, on Saturday morning, May 24th, 1845, at a quarter before six o'clock, was celebrated in an imposing manner, though at that unusual hour, to avoid disturbance by the mob. The Nauvoo brass band played several airs, composed for the occasion, and when the stone was set President Brigham Young said: "The last stone is laid upon the Temple, and I pray the Almighty, in the name of Jesus, to defend us in this place, and sustain us until the temple is finished and we have all got our endowments." The congregation then joined in the following shout, which he led: "Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna to God and the Lamb! Amen! Amen! and Amen!" which was repeated three times, and the President concluded the ceremony by saying: "So let it be, thou Lord Almighty!"

The baptismal font was finished and dedicated by Joseph Smith, the Prophet, on November 8th, 1841, and baptisms for the dead were performed in it. Various meetings were held in the assembly rooms during his lifetime, and a special conference, October 6th, 1843. Two years after, October 5th, 1845, an important meeting was held in it, at which there were five thousand people attending, and the temple was then dedicated, so far as it was completed, to the Lord, "as a monument of the saints' liberality, fidelity, and faith." This ceremony was followed by the general conference of the Church, which lasted three days, and was the first and only conference, held in the temple. By the 30th of the following November the interior was so far completed that the attic story was plastered and ready for use, so that on that day that part of the building was dedicated and endowments were given to many saints from that time until the final exodus.

President Young and the main body of the people had gone west

in February, 1846; at night of the following April 30th, Elder Orson Hyde, who was left in charge at Nauvoo, together with Elders Wilford Woodruff, John, Joseph, and Phineas Young, and others performed privately a dedicatory service, the prayer being offered by President Joseph Young. Upon the following day, the temple was publicly dedicated by Elder Orson Hyde, Elders W. Woodruff, A. W. Babbitt, and Joseph A. Stratton taking part in the services.

The temple at St. George, Utah, was begun November, 9th, 1871, and was so far completed, that some ordinances could be performed in it by January 1st, 1877. It was dedicated on April 6th, 1877, at the forty-fifth General Annual Conference held in it under the direction of President Brigham Young. The dedicatory prayer was extemporaneous, and was delivered by President Daniel H. Wells, Second Counselor in the First Presidency.

The next temple to be completed was built at Logan, Utah, the site of which was dedicated on May 18th, 1877, the cornerstones laid on the 17th of the following September, and the building was completed and dedicated May 17th, 1884. President John Taylor offered the dedicatory prayer, the services lasting three days, and thousands attending. The prayer, having been prepared, was repeated at each session by the several apostles in attendance.

The Manti Temple, located in San Pete county, Utah, was begun April 14th, 1879, the ground having been selected and dedicated two years previously, April 24th, 1877. The building was completed and dedicated on May 21st, 1888. The dedicatory prayer was prepared; and it was first offered by Apostle Lorenzo Snow, and was repeated at each session during the three days service, affording many thousands an opportunity of participating.

The completion of the great temple, at Salt Lake City, after forty years from its commencement, was celebrated by a protracted dedicatory service. The cornerstones were laid and dedicated, April 6th, 1853, with elaborate ceremonies; each corner by the appropriate officers of the various quorums of the priesthood. When the temple was completed provision was made for as many as possible to participate in its dedication. It was a time of repentance and renewal of spiritual life with thousands, who sought thereby to qualify for admission to the House of the Lord. The dedicatory prayer was prepared; and it was offered on the first day, April 6th, 1893, by President Wilford Woodruff, and repeated successively for thirty-one sessions by the apostles, and others who were called upon to enjoy that great privilege and distinction; about 75,000 persons attended these services. It was a time of great rejoicing and blessings upon the people. From that time to the present the Latter-day Saints have enjoyed a period of peace and prosperity. They have completed the temple at Hawaii, and one is nearly finished in Alberta, Canada, and others are projected for present or nearby construction.

J. F. W.

DEDICATION OF THE HAWAIIAN TEMPLE.

THE dedicatory service was appointed for Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27th, 1919, at 2:30 o'clock p.m.

The day before, the people began to gather at Laie, one train bringing about three hundred saints; and the missionaries from Zion, twenty-one in number, also arrived. On the following day at noon another train-load came, and by the time the service began there were about fifteen hundred saints assembled on the plantation. As the building could not hold much more than a fifth of that number it was necessary to repeat the service, which was done on the following days, the final meetings terminating in the mission conference, Sunday, November 30th.

At 2:30 p.m., Thursday, three hundred and ten saints (including the missionaries from Zion) were admitted to the Temple upon written recommends, and passing through the various rooms were finally seated in the upper room of the building.

Presidents Heber J. Grant, Anthon H. Lund and Rudger Clawson, together with Elder Stephen L. Richards of the Council of Twelve, Bishop Charles W. Nibley and Elder Arthur Winter, of the visiting brethren from Utah, were seated facing the congregation.

Upon either side and on the first of several tiers of chairs were seated Presidents E. Wesley Smith, Samuel E. Woolley, William M. Waddoups, president of the Temple, Duncan M. McAllister, chief recorder, Sister Sarah Jenne Cannon and between thirty and forty traveling elders and lady missionaries from Zion.

President Heber J. Grant presided and conducted the service. The choir, composed of twelve singers selected in equal numbers from the Honolulu and Laie choirs, sang for the opening number, the hymn entitled: "A Temple in Hawaii," words by Ruth May Fox, and music by Orson Clark, formerly a Hawaiian missionary.

President Heber J. Grant then offered the Prayer of Dedication.

The prayer was most impressive and inspiring, and was received with great rejoicing by the entire assemblage.

The choir then sang, "Praise to the man who communed with Jehovah." Following the song the Sacred Hosanna Shout was given with deep feeling and inspirational effect.

President Lund, who was the first speaker, congratulated the saints of the Hawaiian mission on having a House of the Lord in which they could enter and receive the choicest blessings of God both for themselves and their ancestors. The hearts of the children are turned to the fathers, and they are trying to bring them the blessings of salvation.

Referred to the great blessing that came to the people when, in 1850, Brother George Q. Cannon and other elders were sent here to preach the gospel. The Hawaiian race belongs to the House of

Israel through the lineage of Lehi, who left Jerusalem six hundred years before Christ. Congratulated the people that they had accepted the message when it came to them, and that they had taken upon themselves the name of Christ. Admonished them to remember what the Lord had done for them, and to show their thoughtfulness by purifying their lives and living in harmony with the gospel. We are the children of God, and should love him and love one another. Referred to the Kirtland Temple, and the visit of the Savior to that temple. The fame of that house, as prophesied, had gone forth to all the nations of the earth. Urged the people to seek out the genealogies of their forefathers.

Elder Samuel E. Woolley was the next speaker. He expressed the feeling that this was the greatest of all days to him. It was the fulfilment of hopes long entertained. When President Cannon visited Hawaii to attend the semi-centennial of the opening of the Hawaiian mission in 1900, he predicted that there would be a House of the Lord erected in these islands and since that time President Woolley said he had been thinking about it and dreaming about it and laboring with all his power to bring about conditions favorable to its accomplishment. Referred to the dedication of the site in 1915 and to the construction of the building. He then addressed the saints in the Hawaiian tongue.

Bishop Charles W. Nibley followed and referred to the dedication of the site by President Joseph F. Smith, he being present on that occasion. With deep emotion he expressed the sorrow that President Smith had not lived to attend this dedication, but reminded the saints that the authority which he held was still here and now resting upon President Grant. The dedication of this house must in the very nature of things be acceptable to the Lord, and well may we break out in the sacred shout of "Hosanna to God and the Lamb." The saints were blessed indeed in having so many of the general authorities with them, more than have ever been on the islands before at any one time.

President Rudger Clawson said, in part: It is the greatest day in all the history of Hawaii, for here stands a temple reared to the Most High God. What must the feelings of Father Lehi be at this moment? He must be touched with a deep sense of gratitude for what the Lord is doing for his posterity. The key is turned and the door is unlocked for the full blessings of salvation to the posterity of Lehi. Rejoiced that God had raised up the Prophet Joseph Smith, and that the authority of the priesthood had been restored through him. Every blessing and principle we enjoy today, even the privilege of coming into this glorious house, have come to us through the Prophet Joseph Smith. It is a time not for many words, but for rejoicing and thanksgiving. What a privilege it is for President Grant and his brethren to be here, also that Sister Sarah Jenne Cannon is here to represent her husband, and President E. Wesley Smith, to represent his father. It is

also a great privilege for the missionaries from Zion, and for all the saints who are permitted to participate in this service.

Elder Arthur Winter expressed the opinion that perhaps in no other part of the United States would there be so perfect a celebration of Thanksgiving day as here. It would be an epoch in the lives of the people. The Son of man had now a place in Hawaii in which to manifest himself. This was a wonderful distinction for the people and for the country.

President E. Wesley Smith said it was an honor to serve in the ministry in this land, and a privilege to represent his father. Expressed his determination to realize the blessing invoked upon him in the dedicatory prayer. Expressed his love for the missionaries here and the people, and hoped to be able to accomplish a noble work. He finished with remarks in the native tongue.

Singing, "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet."

Sarah Jenne Cannon, who by the way was the first woman to speak at a temple dedication, said it was a great day for her and that she rejoiced exceedingly.

President Grant here stated that he desired to give opportunity during the dedication services for all the missionary brethren and sisters to express themselves. The following were then called upon to make brief remarks: Elder Wilford J. Cole, president of the Laie branch and his wife, Sister Ellen Cole; Elder Ernest L. Miner and his wife, Sister Theresa Miner; Elder Arnold B. Bangerter and his wife, Sister Hazel Bangerter, and Elder William M. Waddoups, president of the temple. After which the congregation sang, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Elder Stephen L. Richards of the Council of Twelve said the predominant theme of the meeting was gratitude and thanksgiving and the only way to show our gratitude for the manifold mercies received was to do the will of God. Words are easily spoken, but the great thing is to work, and to conform our lives to the gospel of Jesus Christ which takes sacrifice and determination and an abiding faith. In presenting to the Lord this holy house, the overpowering thought he had was, can we be worthy of it? Can we appreciate the full significance of it? The temple is something more than a beautiful building. It is a monument to the great truths of the gospel, and stands for all that is best and holiest in life. While it is a house for the salvation of the dead it should never be forgotten that it is also a house for the living and intended to stimulate us to higher things. He hoped that the young men and women of the Church would be worthy to come into this house and be united in the new and everlasting covenant. There is no greater monument of liberty in all the world than a temple of God, for true liberty is freedom from sin.

President Heber J. Grant expressed a keen regret that President Joseph F. Smith had not lived to come here and dedicate this temple. He read the hymn which he had read at President Smith's

funeral, commencing with the line, "Thou dost not weep to weep alone." He then read extracts from a letter which he had written to the family after President Smith's death. Also read in full a dream that President Smith had in his early missionary experience in these islands, published in the last number of the *Improvement Era*. He said that language failed him to express the thanksgiving and gratitude in his heart for the watchful care that the Lord had had over him since his childhood. He had hardly been able to realize from the day he became president of the Church, the greatness and importance of the obligations that rested upon him. Yet, like Nephi of old, he knew that the Lord would qualify him for his work.

He bore a strong and powerful testimony that God lives, that Jesus is the Christ, that Joseph Smith was a prophet, and that the Spirit of the living God has been present on this occasion. He pleaded with the people to keep themselves free from sin, that they might be in all respects worthy to enter this holy house. It is not the miraculous testimonies we may have, but it is keeping of the commandments of God and living lives of absolute purity, not only in act, but thought, that will count with the Lord. He bore witness that the Lord had delivered to the Prophet Joseph Smith, through heavenly messengers, the keys and power of every dispensation of the gospel from Father Adam down to this day. We are engaged in the work of the living God, and Mormonism is in very deed the plan of life and salvation.

The president's inspired discourse stirred the people to their very souls. The closing song was, "The Spirit of God like a fire is burning," after which the benediction was pronounced by one of the native brethren. The first session of the dedication lasted four hours.

GREETINGS AND TESTIMONIES.

I WAS brought up in the fear of God. I do not remember when I was not seeking Him by reading my Bible, praying and church-going, to the Free Church of Scotland. When I was seventeen years of age I was aware of a definite call, or as I was then taught, converted, believing that Jesus Christ was the bearer of my sin, in His own body, upon the tree. It was at this time that I also became aware that the church I attended was a mass of confusion. For years I seemed to walk in darkness and have no light. I felt that I needed such an instructor as Philip teaching the Egyptian eunuch, and said so to the ministers. They replied that I meddled with matters too high for me, and all that I needed was just to rest on Christ. When I was forty years of age, a young woman in the same church was about to go as a missionary to Calabar. She felt that before going she should be

immersed. I had heard much talk on the subject, but did not think deeply upon it, always being told that it was not essential. But my friend's determination aroused my interest and I resolved to think it out for myself. I could only go upon my knees, in faith, believing I should be enlightened. I arose without a doubt that immersion was the Bible baptism. My friend had gone to the Baptist church and was immersed. Of course, I thought I should do the same. But I seemed then to hear it said to me: "There is no more virtue in that immersion than in infant sprinkling." What then can I do? I could only get the impression: "Wait."

Now up to this time, I had not heard of the Latter-day Saints. I had heard the word Mormon spoken, but knew nothing of its meaning. Another twenty years had passed, and I was searching all through for the truth. I had withdrawn from the Presbyterian church. One day in Dundee I got a tract in the letter-box, which I read carefully; at the end of which was the name Latter-day Saints. I saw then that I had not waited in vain for the true baptism. "The vision tarried, but in the end it did speak." Elder Joel Rich was my messenger, and he baptized me. When he and other elders visited me I began to feel among my own people, and I have done so ever since. I am now in my seventy-second year—able to earn my bread. I am house-keeper for a gentleman who is deaf and dumb. I was a member of the Dundee branch, but there is no one of our faith here. So you will know that I enjoy the fellowship of the saints through the *Star*; and as I enjoy reading the testimony of others I send you mine.

Alyth, Perthshire.

AMELIA CHAMBERS.

It gives me pleasure to wish my brothers and sisters a happy New Year! The record of our lives for the past year is like a sealed book; we can put no more in it, nor take anything out of it.

As members of the Church, there is a line drawn between us and the world. We are on the Lord's side of that line. The important thing for us to consider, is that we are safely so, and we should now ask ourselves the question: Have we done what we should have done; are we leaving off doing the things we should not do?

To be more particular: Have we paid an honest tithing the past year, or have we spent the money for amusement and pleasure that we rightfully owe the Lord? Have we attended our meetings and borne a faithful testimony to our fellowmen, so that our lives have been as a shining light in a dark place? Whatever we must answer, let us all try to do better during the coming year than in the past. I feel well in the work of the Lord. It has made a better man of me in every respect. He has given

to me an assurance, as He did to Job, that though worms destroy the body, yet in my flesh shall I see God; and I know that Joseph Smith was a prophet of the Lord.

Bristol.

HENRY E. NEAL.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

Branch Conference.—A branch conference was held at Darlington, Newcastle conference, on December 14th, 1919. Three sessions were held. The first, a priesthood meeting in the morning. The afternoon was taken up by the Sunday-school, various songs and instrumental music being rendered. At the evening meeting the authorities of the Church were presented and sustained. President Randall gave a very interesting address to a fair attendance.

Socials.—A very enjoyable Sunday-school social was held in the Latter-day Saints' hall, Sunderland, Friday, December 26th, 1919. There was a good attendance and program, games being the principal item, with songs and recitations. Then a splendid tea was provided by the sisters, and the Sunday-school tenders very best thanks to all who assisted to make the social a great success.

On Saturday, December 20th, 1919, at Bradford, a "Welcome Home" to all returned Latter-day Saint soldiers, was given in the form of a "tea" and concert. All soldiers and their wives and sweethearts were admitted free of charge. The committee provided a very elaborate "tea," and 205 were seated and accommodated with refreshments, which commenced at 4:30 p.m. In the evening the number swelled to 250. A splendid program and games were highly enjoyed in the evening. A "Roll of Honor," handsomely gotten up for the Bradford soldiers and sailors, was unveiled, after a few remarks by President Leonard H. Whipple. Two newspaper reporters were present, and gave an excellent account of the proceedings in the morning papers of Monday, December 22nd, 1919.

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